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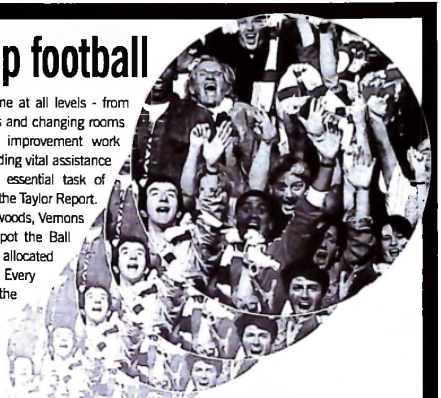

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CHAD COLLEY	

Next game — Glapwell (away) Tuesday 7.30pm

TONIGHT'S VISITORS

SHEFFIELD Wednesday have made some drastic changes this summer as they prepare to make another assault on the Premiership.

Last season the Owls made a terrific start and led the table in September. However, indifferent results left the Owls just short of a UEFA Cup place.

During the close season Owls manager David Pleat has made a number of changes and his team has a stronger look.

His latest signing, Italian Paolo Di Canio, is a quality player and was named as Scotland's Player of the Year last term after scoring 15 goals for Celtic.

The former AC Milan striker cost the Owls £4.5m and he has signed a four-year contract. The deal also saw Dutch winger Regi Blinker sign for Celtic.

Di Canio, 29, links up with fellow Italian, Benito Carbone, who signed from Inter Milan last season.

Another addition to the Wednesday books is French international Patrick Blondeau.

The highly-rated defender cost Wednesday £1.8m in June from giants Monaco and he is expected to make his debut at Newcastle tomorrow.

Pleat is also keeping is options open on a number of players, who have been on trial.

Ukrainian winger Sergiy Nagornyak and Italian Antonio Criniti have both starred in pre-season friendly encounters, although the Wednesday manager has yet to offer them terms.

Of Pleat's existing staff, a number are expected to make their mark on the 1997-98 season.

It is hoped Richie Humphreys will mature into a quality striker after his experiences with the England under 20s team this summer, while Andy Booth will also contest a strikers place with David Hirst and newboy Di Canio.

In midfield, Mark Pembridge was impressive last term, while Scott Oakes, Wayne Collins and Graham Hyde are all expected to push for a first team place.

Peter Atherton is the captain of the team and he will fight with John Newsome, Des Walker, Dejan Stefanovic and Steve Nicol for a place in the defence.

Kevin Pressman was as solid as ever last term in goal, although he must stay on his toes because Matt Clarke will be only to pleased to stand between the posts at Hillsborough.

All in all, the Wednesday line up looks even stronger this term and should be among the European challengers again.

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Will Phil Stafford make his debut?

The question asked by many Worksop supporters this week is: "Will striker Phil Stafford finally make his debut for Tigers tonight."

Thankfully, the answer is the one they wanted to hear, with chairman Rick Knowles able to confirm that Alfreton Town have finally handed over a written agreement to say that the transfer will go ahead.

Phil played in the friendly at Frecheville on Tuesday night and is expected to make his home debut tonight.

The other piece of good news this week is that Andy Womble has signed for Tigers.

Andy has gained non-league experience with Belper Town, Gainsborough Trinity and Lincoln United.

As the season draws closer, Manager Paul Mitchell must be delighted with the way his squad is shaping up. The players are certainly responding to the competition for places and among those impressing this last week are Jamie Creaghan and Dean Dye.

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FRIENDLIES

Tuesday 12th August (away) v GLAPWELL

Thursday 14th August (away) v FRICKLEY

Saturday 16th August (away) v SKEGNESS

Tuesday 19th August (away) v DENABY UNITED

FROM THE ARCHIVES

Almost 100 years ago Worksop Town and The Wednesday (as they were then known) both played in the Sheffield Association League and the Wharncliffe Charity League.

The Worksop side was the club's first team, while for the Sheffielders it was the second eleven, the senior side being concerned with other higher things.

Sheffield Association League
Final Table 1899-1900

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wednesday Res	16	14	1	1	54	9	29
Worksop Town	15	11	2	2	62	17	24
Attercliffe	16	8	1	7	34	36	17
Royston United	16	8	1	7	34	33	17
Wath Athletic	16	6	4	6	31	41	16
Mexborough	15	5	5	5	26	35	15
Wombwell Town	14	5	2	7	27	40	12
Sheffield Club	14	4	3	7	18	33	11
Pyebank	16	2	0	14	17	56	4

Worksop had been champions the previous season and returned to the Midland League for 1900-01.

Wednesday Reserves were again champions the following season and also joined the Midland League for 1901-02.

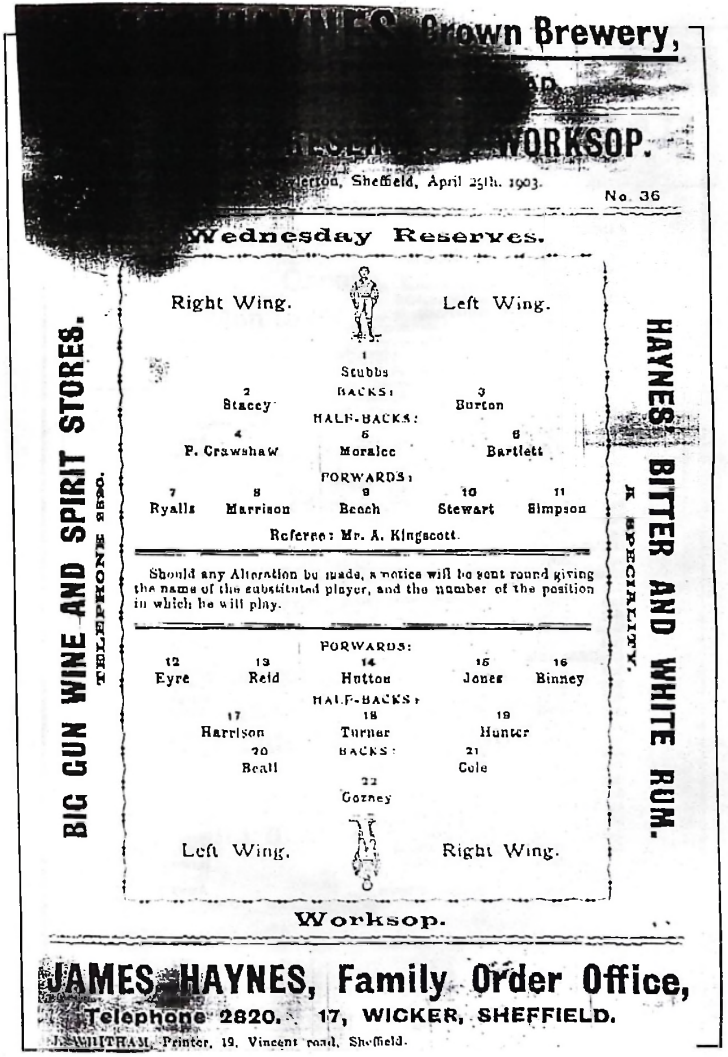
By the 1903-04 season it was Worksop seconds who were playing in the Sheffield Association.

Wharncliffe Charity League
Final Table 1899-1900

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Wednesday Res	16	12	4	0	68	11	28
Sheffield United Res	16	11	4	1	50	15	26
Worksop Town	16	8	2	6	35	24	18
Doncaster Rov Res	15	7	2	6	29	23	16
Wath Athletic	14	6	2	6	21	26	14
Attercliffe	14	5	3	6	8	15	13
Sheffield Club	13	4	2	7	11	31	10
Mexborough	13	3	1	9	18	43	7
Wombwell Town	11	2	1	8	12	45	5

The competition became a knockout and continued for many years, with the League clubs being so small in number it was possible for clubs to play in both competitions.

Train was the only transport for long distances, so local opposition was preferable.



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Wednesday Reserves.

Right Wing. Left Wing.

1 Stubbs

BACKS:

2 Stacey 3 Burton

HALF-BACKS:

4 P. Crawshaw 5 Moralee 6 Bartlett

FORWARDS:

7 Ryalls 8 Marrison 9 Beach 10 Stewart 11 Simpson

Referee: Mr. A. Kingscott.

Should any Alteration be made, a notice will be sent round giving the name of the substituted player, and the number of the position in which he will play.

FORWARDS:

12 Eyre 13 Reid 14 Hutton 15 Jones 16 Binney

HALF-BACKS:

17 Harrison 18 Turner 19 Hunter

BACKS:

20 Beall 21 Cole

22 Gozney

Left Wing. Right Wing.

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AUGUST			
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Mon	25th	MATLOCK TOWN	Home
SEPTEMBER			
Tue	2nd	Belper Town	Away
Sat	6th	WORKINGTON	Home
Tue	9th	TRAFFORD	Home
Sat	13th	(FA Cup — 1st qual rd)	
Tue	16th	Harrogate Town	Away
Sat	20th	GREAT HARWOOD TOWN	Home
Mon	22nd	Ashton United	Away
Sat	27th	(FA Cup — second qual rd)	
Tue	30th	EASTWOOD TOWN (Challenge Cup 1st rd)	Home
OCTOBER			
Sat	4th	ASHTON UNITED	Home
Tue	7th	Great Harwood Town	Away
Sat	11th	WHITLEY BAY (or FA Cup third qual rd)	Home
Wed	15th	Farsley Celtic	Away
Sat	18th	(FA Trophy— first qual rd)	
Tue	21st	BRADFORD PA	Home
Sat	25th	HARROGATE TOWN (or FA Cup 4th qual rd)	Home
Tue	28th	Buxton	Away
Fri	31st	Lincoln United	Away
NOVEMBER			
Sat	8th	(FA Trophy — second qual rd)	
Wed	12th	Bradford PA	Away
Sat	15th	FLIXTON	Home
Tue	18th	BELPER TOWN	Home
Sat	22nd	NETHERFIELD	Home
Mon	24th	Ashton United (President's Cup first rd)	Away
Sat	29th	Droylsden (or FA Trophy — 3rd qual rd)	Away
DECEMBER			
Sat	6th	CONGLETON TOWN	Home
Sat	13th	Whitby Town	Away
Sat	20th	FARSLEY CELTIC	Home
Sat	27th	Stocksbridge PS	Away
JANUARY			
Fri	2nd	LINCOLN UNITED	Home
Sat	10th	Whitley Bay	Away
Sat	17th	STOCKSBRIDGE PS	Home
Sat	24th	Gretna	Away
Sat	31st	EASTWOOD TOWN	Home
FEBRUARY			
Sat	7th	WHITBY TOWN	Home
Sat	14th	Netherfield	Away
Sat	21st	Witton Albion	Away
Sat	28th	DROYLSDEN	Home
MARCH			
Sat	7th	Eastwood Town	Away
Sat	21st	Workington	Away
Sat	28th	Flixton	Away
APRIL			
Sat	4th	WITTON ALBION	Home
Mon	13th	Matlock Town	Away
Sat	18th	GRETNA	Home
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MAY			
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However, since Worksop returned from ground sharing at Gainsborough with the opening of Sandy Lane, the Owls have been more regular, to the delight of the hundreds of fans that live in North Nottinghamshire.

In the days of the old Yorkshire League, Worksop and Sheffield Wednesday A played regular fixtures, but meetings in the past 30 years have always been friendlies.

Worksop, have of course enjoyed visits to the excellent Hillsborough stadium in the Sheffield Senior Cup finals.

Date	Venue	Result	Scorers	Att
2-8-72	Home	2-3	Fenoughty, Mansell	1.060
28-4-75	Home	0-2		2,002
9-8-76	Home	0-0		1,177
11-8-82	Home	0-1		473
14-8-84	Home	5-2	Moore (2), Kent, Hardy, Hiner	
15-8-91	Away	4-2	K. Clark (2), I. Clark, Pickering	
	This match was played at Middlewood Hospital			
16-8-93	Home	0-5		945
27-7-94	Home	1-3	K. Clark	940
25-7-95	Home	3-6	K. Clark, Whitehead, Wilson	808
8-8-96	Home	0-1		902

The Premiership season starts tomorrow, with Sheffield Wednesday travelling to play Newcastle United.

On Wednesday night the Owls play the first League game of the season at Hillsborough, when the atmosphere is likely to be highly charged for the Yorkshire derby against Leeds United.

Although they finished 7th last season, one national newspaper quotes Wednesday at 66-1 for the title and 6-1 to be relegated.

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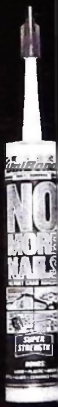

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